## CERCLA 104(e) INFORMATION REQUEST URGENT LEGAL MATTER: PROMPT REPLY REQUESTED VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Robert James President and Chief Executive Officer Jones-Hamilton Company 30354 Tracy Road Walbridge, Ohio 43465

Re:

Norphlet Chemical Superfund Site, Norphlet, Union County, Arkansas

SSID No. A6N8

Dear Mr. James:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeks cooperation from the Jones-Hamilton Company, an Ohio corporation with headquarters in Walbridge, Ohio in providing information and documents relating to the Norphlet Chemical Superfund Site (Site). Obtained information will aid the EPA in its investigation of the release or threat of release of certain hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at this Site. Jones-Hamilton's response will also help the EPA develop a better understanding of activities that occurred at the Site.

This information request is not a determination that your company is responsible or potentially responsible for contamination that occurred at the Site. The EPA is sending this letter as part of its investigation of the Site and does not expect your company to pay for or perform any site-related activities at this time. If the EPA determines that your company is responsible or potentially responsible for response activities at the Site, your company will receive a separate letter clearly stating such a determination as well as the basis the EPA has for the determination.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 104(e), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), gives EPA the authority to require the Jones-Hamilton Company respond to this information request (see Enclosure 1). We encourage your company to give this matter its full attention, and we respectfully request the Jones-Hamilton Company respond to this request for information within thirty (30) days of its receipt of this letter. You may designate another official of Jones-Hamilton Company with the requisite authority to respond on behalf of the company. However, failure to respond to this information request may result in EPA seeking penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of violation. In addition, furnishing false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations is subject to criminal penalty under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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